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PRESIDENT

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Chairman Julius Genachowski
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Subject: Support for AT&T-T-Mobile Acquisition

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

California Manufacturers & Technology Association (CMTA) is a trade association representing manufacturers and technology-based companies in California. We advocate for policies and initiatives that will foster new private investment, promote innovation and create high quality jobs to enhance the quality of life in the state.

In recent years there has been a staggering growth of mobile broadband traffic being driven by the explosion of new services, devices, content and applications. Many of our members are key players in this growing industry, bringing thousands of jobs and investment to California and around the country.

Along with this growth have come many challenges and opportunities. We believe AT&T's acquisition of T-Mobile USA will provide a great benefit to California consumers and the economy, and we urge your support without unnecessary delay. The merger would:

- Strengthen and expand mobile broadband networks to accelerate the continued growth and innovation of the high-tech industry including device makers, apps developers and content creators. Many of these companies represent jobs and investment that didn't even exist a few years ago.
- Address the spectrum issue and impact on mobile broadband service which poses a direct threat to the continued growth of the entire mobile ecosystem. This transaction is a fast and certain solution to this problem which is now limiting each company's ability to meet explosive demand growth.
- By creating more capacity it will quickly and dramatically improve voice and data service quality for tens of millions of customers. Users should experience significant improvements in dropped and blocked call rates, and fewer failed or slow data downloads – of particular significance in key areas in California.

- Consumers AND technology companies will benefit from a strengthened and expanded mobile broadband platform, including device makers, cloud service providers, application developers, content providers and specialized service providers.

Thank you for supporting the AT&T – T-Mobile acquisition.

Sincerely,



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Robert McDowell, Commissioner
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